quired area around Golden Temple in Amritsar; and

(b) if so, what are the detailg thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF .PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAM. BARAM); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Settling up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

1025. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Wildlife Institute of India has recommended for setting up some more National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries and also to declare more areas as protected forests;

■(b) i! so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government hava since taken on the basis of the recommendations made by the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI OR AON): (a) and (b) The Wildlife Institute of India in its report entitled 'Planning a Protected Area Network in India" has recommended that the existing network of protected areas should be expanded so that it comprises 148 national parks and 503 wildlife sanctuaries covering an area of 1.5 lakh sq. kms. and representing 4.6 per cent of the geographical area. States/Union Territory-wise list of existing and recommended number of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is given in the statement (See below).

(c) The report of the Wildlife Institute of India has been circulated to the State Governments for implemention as setting up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is the responsibility of th$_e$ State Governments. Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for increasing the existing protected area network

Statement

Stale-wise recommendations or protected area network as per biographic report

Name of State/Union Territory	Sanctuaries		National Parks	
	Existing	Recommended	Existing	Recommended
1	2	3	4	5
Andaman & Nicobar	94	21	6	17
Andhra Pradesh .	17	25	■*2*	
Arunachal Pradesh <	4	15		17
Assa**m** .	8	22	.2	*9*
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1	2	3	4	5
Bihar	17	23	1	5
Chandigarh	1	1		
Daman & Diu	'•• '	••		*
Delhi	1	1		..
Goa	4	4	1	1
Gujarat	14	16	4	8
Haryana	6	6		1
Himachal Pradesh . .	28	27	.2	3
Jammu & Kashmir	15	20	4	7
Karnataka	*19*	25	5	.6
Kerala	12	18	3	5
Lakshadweep				2
Madhya Pradesh . '	31 .	48	11	13
Mahatashtra . .':'-'.	24	40	5	12
Manipur	1	5	2 '	*%*
Meghalaya	3	6	2	5
Mizoram	1	*6*		8
Nagaland	4	7		1
Orissa . . . •	I5	29	2	4
Punjab . . .	5	9		1
Rajasthan . . .	24	35	3	*9*
Sikkim	4	8	1	2
Tamil Nadu	10	34	8	1
Tripura . . .	4	4		1
Utter Pradesh	15 16	30 28	5 8	8 4
TOTAL.	397	503	6f	**148**